

NEWS

Master Ott & GM MacKenzie



Flowering Warrior 2009 Summer News

Olympia, WA—A special visit of the founder and president of the National Korean Martial Arts Association (NKMAA), Grandmaster Rudy Timmerman, and the United States Director of the NKMAA, Master Kevin Janisse was planned at the Temple of Certain Victory, run by Chief-Master Robert Ott in Olympia, Washington. The two renowned martial artists came to teach and share knowledge with Master Ott's students. Grandmaster Timmerman instructed types of Ki breathing techniques along with various strikes, low kicks and self-defense maneuvers. Master Janisse instructed the group in Jang Bong exercises and ended the workshop with sword cutting techniques. Learning from such great Moosa left the students in awe.

Chief-Master Robert Ott then headed to the East Coast for a seminar with Grandmaster Ken MacKenzie. During this seminar, the students trained hard and focused on Master Ott's specialized martial arts teachings. Then it was back to the Northwest for the Super Summer Seminar at the Temple of Certain Victory. The first special guest instructor was Chief-Master Daniel Sijtsma from Holland, Europe, who is the founder of the Korean martial art of Pro Nung Hapkido, which translates into the 'way of intuition.' The following seminar was taught by the Head special guest, Master Steve Seo, who is the son of Grandmaster In Sun Seo, and who currently holds the title of Prime Official Instructional Director of the World Han Min Jok Hapkido Federation. This seminar had over 40 participants who came from five different countries and eight different states in the U.S.

Sin Moo Hapkido in the Balkans & Austria

Atco, NJ—Grandmaster Ken MacKenzie, ninth-dan and President of the World Sin Moo Hapkido Federation under Founder DoJuNim Ji Han Jae, was the featured instructor for the first Croatian Sin Moo Hapkido Instructors Seminar in June 2009. The event, hosted by Colonel Mladen Kuznik (sixth-dan, Croatian Headmaster for Hapkido), was held in Zagreb, Croatia. Held at the Balkan Headquarters Dojang for both Hapkido and TKD, the seminar was attended by masters, instructors, and students representing Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia. Master Mladen Kuznik officially joined forces with DoJuNim Ji Han Jae's World Sin Moo Hapkido Federation in a federation-flag presentation and certificate ceremony headed up by Grandmaster MacKenzie. Guest instructors for the event included Chief-Master Scott E. Yates (New Jersey, USA) and Master Perry Zmugg (Graz, Austria).

In the city of Graz (Arnold Schwarzenegger's hometown), the annual Austrian Sin Moo Hapkido seminar was also held in June. Hosted by Master Perry Zmugg, Chief-Master Scott Yates was the featured speaker. Chief-Master Yates offered 22 hours of training for the participants. Additionally, a special four-hour workshop was given on full-contact fighting by Grandmaster Ken MacKenzie. Official World Sin Moo Hapkido Federation flags and patches were presented by Yates and MacKenzie to Master Zmugg and Master Juri Fleischmann of Gaggenau, Germany.

General Choi Memorial in North Korea

North Korea—On the recent anniversary of General Choi Hong Hi's death, his wife and Tae Kwon Do brethren paid homage to him at his gravesite in North Korea. Considered to be the founder of Tae Kwon Do, General Choi Hong Hi, former President of the ITF, passed in 2002.

ITF Goodwill Mission to Vietnam

Ottawa, Canada—ITF President, Dr. Chang Ung, sent an ITF delegation of Senior Master Phap Lu, ITF Secretary General, and Master Phu Nguyen, Vietnam native from Canada, to Vietnam on a goodwill mission to reactivate the ITF in Vietnam. The mission included a seminar with more than 150 ITF instructors. The ITF delegation also met with the high sports authorities and Olympic officials in Vietnam to discuss the possibility of the nation rejoining the ITF. Vietnam was one of the nine founding member countries when the ITF was formed in 1966.

Black Dragon Fighting Society Re-Emerges

Nashville, TN—In July 2009, after 35 years, many of the original members of the Black Dragon Fighting Society (BDFS) came together at a reunion hosted by the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame. These historic figures included Hanshi Frank Dux, Grandmaster Ashida Kim, Grandmaster Vic Moore, Grandmaster Lawrence Day, Grandmaster Ronald Peirce, and current Family Head of the Original BDFS, Grandmaster Doug Dwyer. A small band of brothers, The Black Dragon Fighting Society came together to tell of the old days and to let the world know they were back with their original mission. These martial art renegades were known and are still known for demanding equality; their history is full of such, true and little known tales, such as decades ago when they forcefully took over a "Whites Only" hotel hosting the United States Karate Association World Championship. Outnumbered ten to one, the BDFS prevailed enabling its founding member Victor Moore to participate. Being Black, Moore was not allowed into the whites only hotel or the tournament. Victor Moore's performance was so clearly superior than the competition of the day that he became "The First Black USKA World Karate Champion."



Left to Right: Grandmaster Lawrence Day, Hanshi Frank Dux, Chris Bashaw, Grandmaster Ronald Peirce, Grandmaster Vic Moore, Grandmaster Doug Dwyer, and Grandmaster Ashida Kim.

EVENTS

World Youth Taekwondo Camp

Seoul, Korea—A ten-member TKD team from Uzbekistan arrived in Korea in July 2009 to receive training at a Korean university in Busan in preparation for the World Youth Taekwondo Camp in Seoul and Muju, North Jeolla Province. Also, a 21-member Russian TKD delegation traveled to Jeonju, North Jeolla Province, for the team's training at the two-year Jeonju Vision University. Eleven athletes from Kazakhstan also arrived to undergo training at the Busan campus of Dong-A University in Busan. Seven other countries are scheduled to send their young athletes, aged between 14 and 17, to Korea for their free training at Korean universities prior to the opening of the World Youth Taekwondo Camp, which is jointly organizing by the World Taekwondo Federation and the Taekwondo Promotion Foundation. About 250 people, including 160 young athletes and three Olympic medalists, from 37 countries are expected to participate in the inaugural World Youth Taekwondo Camp.

Training in Korea

Daegu City, South Korea—The Korea Jung Ki Hapkido & Kuhapdo Association of America, under the direction of Master Mike D'Aloia and Master Sheryl Glidden embarked on their annual training trip to Grandmaster Lim, Hyun Soo's Jung Ki Kwan in Daegu City, South Korea, the birthplace of Hapkido. The masters and students practiced basic and advanced Jung Ki Hapkido exercises and techniques. In addition, the participants practiced Chung Suk Kuhapdo (sword). Grandmaster Lim is a long time disciple and a successor to Founder Choi, Yong Sul.



GM Lim & KJKHKA members

A Great Training Camp

Sequim, WA—Donn Schucker, President of the Schucker Martial Arts Association, runs a tight camp. Held in St. Peters, Missouri, this annual camp is three and half days of solid training. Practitioners can participate in any or all of the hourly sessions. From TKD and Judo to Tai Chi and MMA, from Jeet Kune Do and Jujitsu to a plethora of weapons, these clinics are hosted by the best instructors in the business. This year, Dr. Greg Lawton offered a ten-hour certification program on Martial Arts Sports Medicine. The program gave students and instructors alike, practical information on targeting vulnerabilities, identifying, grading and preventing injuries, and a multitude of healing practices.



Training camp participants

Chosun Trains at Buddhist Temple

Warwick, NY—Master Doug Cook of Chosun Taekwondo Academy and his students recently visited Won Kak Sa Temple, a Buddhist retreat situated among the rolling meadows of Salisbury Mills. There, they trained in Zen meditation. "Meditation has been used in the martial arts of Korea, China and Japan for centuries," stated Cook. "Aside from meditative practice, the Chosun students, joined by members of several local TKD schools, executed advanced forms. At session's close, Master Cook and black belt Lisa Ehrenreich, coordinator of the event, presented director Gi Kwan Sunim with a plaque in recognition of his knowledge and kindness."



Chosun students at WonKakSa Temple

World Kuk Sool Association Celebrates 50 Years

Belton, SC—In October 2008, the World Kuk Sool Association celebrated the 50 year anniversary of the founding of Kuk Sool Won by Grandmaster In Hyuk Suh, in Houston, Texas. The celebration included the 2008 World

Championship Tournament, and a spectacular demonstration performed by Kuk Sool Won Masters and Instructors from around the globe.

The 50 Year Anniversary Celebration and 2008 World Championship was preceded by black belt testing at the Kuk Sool Won Ranch in Tomball, Texas. Candidates for the first-degree black belt all the way up to candidates for the level of Master Instructor (fifth-degree) participated in the testing. Kuk Sool Won black belt candidates are required to test on a quarterly basis while in the testing cycle, which must be administered and overseen by a Kuk Sool Won Master Instructor. It is a requirement that their final test prior to promotion be in the presence of Grandmaster Suh himself.

Freshman Women Learn to Kick Butt

Clemson, SC—In July 2009, the Clemson University WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Experience program welcomed 37 young ladies who are incoming freshman science, math and engineering majors for a one-week camp. As part of the WISE Experience program, Suzanne Ellenberger, Chief Instructor of Choi Kwang Do Martial Arts at Clemson University, was asked to put on a program of basic self-defense techniques for approximately 50 participants. The students were taught how to throw a proper punch and execute proper kicks. In addition, numerous Choi Kwang Do close range defense techniques were taught and practiced on each other and Assistant Instructor Gary Holcomb.

Specially Challenged Tournament a Success

Aurora, CO—Writer, motivational speaker and Tae Kwon Do columnist Master Karen Eden was the guest of honor at the All-Star Specially Challenged Martial Arts Tournament in Houston, Texas. In July, 65 specially challenged competitors from eight different states competed in this first-of-a-kind tournament sanctioned by the AAU. "I get truly touched by witnessing the joy on these guys' faces when they accomplish what many have said and they themselves had believed," says Master David Lieder, school owner and sponsor of the event.

All-Star Martial Arts school in Cypress, Texas, is one of only two known schools in the country that has a curriculum specifically designed for specially challenged students. David Lieder and his family teach wheelchair sparring, forms and weapons from a sitting position. "This was incredible to watch," says Master Eden. "I highly recommend that anyone with a love for martial arts, experience a tournament like this. It'll change your entire perspective."

Third Annual Korean Martial Arts Festival

Crestview, FL—In April, martial artists traveled from ten different states and two providences of Canada to attend the Third Annual Korean Martial Arts Festival. Hosted at Gordon Martial Arts, the first night had three sessions that ran concurrently every hour to give the participants the opportunity to train in various arts and subjects. The next morning started out with a demo from the session leaders and then Grandmaster Timmerman (Canada) of World Kidohae Federation (WKF) and National Korean Martial Art Association (NKMAA) did a two-hour group session on joint locks and 12" sticks. Three more sessions with Grandmaster McMurray (Texas) of WKF and House of Discipline did a group session on rope and belt techniques. The final day was another round of three sessions and then one last group session with Grandmaster Timmerman doing a group session on soft breaking.

Several styles were represented with TKD, Hapkido, Kuk Sool, Tang Soo, and Krav Maga. Master Troy Trudeau (Tennessee) lead his sessions on using the cane. With an Arnis flavor, Master Monty Hendrix (North Carolina) gave a session using short sticks and another on leg locks. Master Kevin Janisse (Oregon) did a session on pressure points with Hapkido applications. Master Steve Kincade (Mississippi) did his sessions on Teuk Gong Moo Sool. Master Thomas Gordon (Florida) did sessions on close quarter defense. Master Wesley Wing (Florida) lead the session on spinning kicks. Master Chris DuFour (Florida) lead the session on Tang Soo conditioning board session. Fifth-degree Master Gregory Bledsoe (Florida) lead the session on board breaking. Finally, Mr. Calvin Longton (Florida) lead a Krav Maga based session on gun defense.

AKA Grand Nationals

Naperville, IL—The AKA Grand Nationals kicked off its 44th year as the event returned once again to the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Some of the top names in sport martial art competitions such as Andrew Cabilan from Canada, Kalman Csoka, Caitlin Dechelle, and Mackensi Emory were in attendance. Top teams were also in abundance with Team AKA, Team Full Circle, Team Straight-Up, Team Prorank and Team John Paul Mitchell there.

Self-defense training at Clemson



Specially challenged competitor Libby Henley of, Cypress, Texas acknowledges the crowd after winning a gold medal.

Friday night kicked off the events with all the extreme and musical divisions as well as Jr. Black belt weapons divisions and team divisions. Saturday morning started the day with traditional weapons followed by the traditional forms, creative forms and sparring. The Night Time Finals kicked off with some great music, a laser light show and an opening performance from Sideswipe Performance Team starring original members Matt Mullins and Craig Henningsen.

The final event of the evening set high anticipations for the onlookers. The Adult Black Belt Weapons Warrior Cup had the crowd on edge as the favorite; Kalman Csoka took to the stage. Through a series of unfortunate events, which included a drop from Kalman during a signature sword roll, a tangle of the double chain whip chain from Pat Underwood and a small stumble of the bo from Ross Levine, the competition came down to Caitlin Dechelle and senior veteran competitor Jeff Liotta. Jeff executed a powerful performance of a traditional bo form, but it was Caitlin's extreme sword form which ended up winning the judges over for the Warrior Cup win. Congratulations to all competitors for an outstanding show.

Chosun Hosts GM Richard Chun

Warwick, NY—He may not be as well known to the general public as Chuck Norris or Bruce Lee, but to those in the martial arts community, Grandmaster Richard Chun is a true pioneer with thousands of students worldwide. A ninth-degree black belt in the Korean discipline of TKD, Chun along with Master Doug Cook of the Chosun Taekwondo Academy, taught a two-hour seminar at the Warwick Town Park in upstate New York. The grandmaster focused on basic technique, self-defense, kicking drills and classic forms. The training session was attended by 70 students originating from schools in Orange County and as distant as Kings, Ulster and Westchester Counties. Master Doug Cook, owner and head instructor of the Chosun Taekwondo Academy and a columnist for TaeKwonDo Times stated, "We were fortunate indeed to attract so many talented students, masters and grandmasters to our event. The large attendance is truly a testimony to the dedication of those who study traditional TKD with passion." One of the original five international master instructors to immigrate to America in the 1960s, Chun and his family were forced to flee their home and settle on Cheju Island when Communist forces invaded Seoul, during the Korean War. Later, Grandmaster Richard Chun studied at the famed Moo Duk Kwan or Institute of Martial Virtue in Seoul under Chong Soo Hong. He is the author of five books and currently serves as president of the United States Taekwondo Association.



GM Chun at Chosun

Sin Moo Hapkido 2nd Annual Global Conference

San Francisco, CA—The Sin Moo Hapkido Legacy Group hosted its 2nd Annual Global Conference in August 2009, in San Francisco. This international event had participants from Austria, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, France, Mexico and all over the U.S. The event was coordinated by Frank Croaro and the Sin Moo Hapkido Legacy board members. The three-day conference started off with candidates testing for first and second-degree black belts. Day two participants were able to choose from a wide array of classes taught by the groups masters and grandmaster instructors. Class topics included throw defenses, cane techniques, Hapkido counters, meditations, clothing grabs, and traditional Sin Moo Hapkido techniques. The event also celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Sin Moo Hapkido and the 60th Anniversary of Do Ju Nim, Ji Han Jae's contributions to martial arts, who made a special appearance and taught special meditation and Sin Moo Hapkido philosophy. He also explained Hapkido history and development of the art. A Banquet was also held and hosted by John Beluschak and Farshad Azad. The Legacy Group honored its founding board members, awarded rank certification to the examinees and presented the founder with a special award recognizing his contributions.



2nd Annual Global Conference

TKD Team Visits Kentucky

Louisville, KY—Grandmaster Jung Oh Hwang and the students of Hwang's Martial Arts brought the internationally-acclaimed Yong In University Tae Kwon Do Demonstration Team to Louisville as part of a fundraiser for Wayside Christian Mission, with a goal to raise \$10,000 and collect 200 six-pound cans of food. Over 2000 people attended the program in July 2009 at Bellarmine University's Knights Hall. Demonstrations by graduating students from Hwang's Martial Arts three summer camps opened the program, followed by demonstration teams from each of the four Louisville campuses. Each demonstration featured choreographed martial arts skills, as well as free-form movements. The Yong In team capped the afternoon with a high-flying display of board-breaking, kicking techniques, and tightly-synchronized forms.



TKD team in Kentucky

PROMOTIONS

Dan testing participants



CKD Dan Testing

Kennesaw, GA—Recently, Choi Kwang Do celebrated a record-breaking, packed house event. At the standing room only IL and EE dan belt testing, there were nearly 100 adult and child participants. An additional 44 black belts participated in gup testing. In addition to the local attendees, Mr. Raniero del Federico, Choi Kwang Do school owner from Argentina was present. Also in attendance were four visiting dignitaries: Dr. Varo D. Barragan, fourth-dan TKD from Panama, two student TKD instructors also from Panama, and Mr. Dennis Vargas Mendez, TKD instructor from Costa Rica, who have recently been training with Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi.

Canada Promotions

Montréal, Canada—In July 2009, Master Alain Dumaine, seventh-degree black belt, promoted 11 of his students to first-degree black belts. Aged 11 to 21, everyone succeeded, with some receiving their junior black belt. After an entire day of performing patterns, self-defense, breaking and a theory exam, the eager candidates received their rewards.

American Street Karate Promotion

Baumholder, Germany—Chaplain's Assistant Master Sgt. Terry Montag was recently promoted to third-degree black belt in American Street Karate in Baumholder, Germany, by Grandmaster Danny Passmore of Texas. The certification was presented on base in Germany where MSGT Montag teaches weekly classes in A.S.K. He is also a life-long wrestler, trainer and coach. MSGT Montag's son, Ethan, is the 130-pound European Wrestling Champion.



MSGT Montag & GM Passmore

Obituary for Grandmaster Kwang Sik Myung

"I have spent all of my life learning Hapkido, practicing Hapkido, teaching Hapkido, and researching Hapkido. I have a much greater love, appreciation and interest in the Art than I did when I was younger and I will continue with Hapkido for the rest of my life..."

—GM Myung



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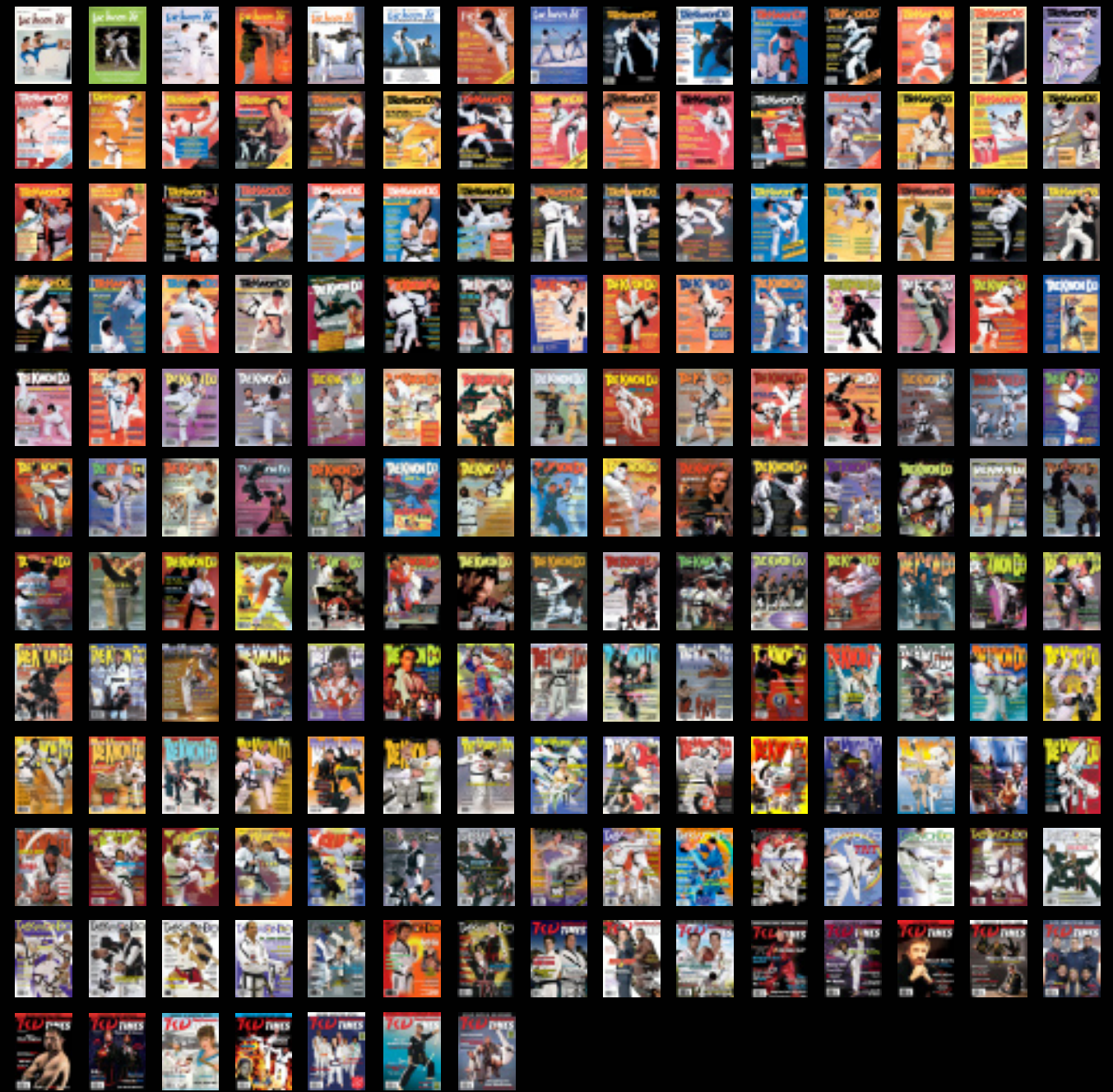
Los Angeles, CA—Kwang Sik Myung was born in North Korea but lived in Seoul for most of his early life. He started his training in 1948, at the age of eight with exposure to Kumdo through his father, and in Kong Soo Do attaining his Chodan at the age of 12. He began his studies of what would be called Hapkido as a junior high school student, with founder Young Sool Choi. For the years to follow, Hapkido became a way of life for him. In 1968, soon after demonstrating Hapkido in Vietnam, Myung returned to South Korea to found the Korea Yon Moo Kwan Association and later the World Hapkido Federation in 1973 upon moving to the United States. As a pioneer, he saw the need for a worldwide community and expression of his beloved art. He was a teacher for life, passionately sharing his amazing skill with all levels of martial artists, relishing its true beauty. He was an embodiment of Hapkido (harmony or love energy way) in his manner, his personality, his grace and power with his art. In 1990, he was awarded a tenth-degree black belt through the Korea Hapkido Association, its highest honor.

Grandmaster Myung may be best known through the martial arts community for his extensive work on preserving the art of Hapkido through his books, videos and seminars. He was truly at the forefront of his time for preserving and sharing his art through

the most modern methods available to him. In 1969, he published the first book on Hapkido and later a complete and authoritative catalogue of book and videos. As the founder of the World Hapkido Federation, and as a teacher at his main dojang in Tustin, California, he led many through an enjoyable journey through black belt and instructor level. He has many dedicated students and family members who will miss him greatly. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son and four grandchildren.

Some of his top students were the Mix family, Master Wilfredo Sellas, Master Michael Paleologos, Master Daniel Sng, Master Roberto Proo, Master Demid Momet, Master Jose Manuel Reyes Perez, Instructor Pablo Peralta Barrera, Master Michael Sirota, Master Emilio Iglesias, Master Nathan Robinson, Master Vince Spurduto, Master Yon Son Kim, Master Richard Elzerman, Master John Tesch, Master Carlton Lundy, Master Roe Jai Myung, Master Joe Connelly, Master Dan Paulson, Master Frank Babcock, Master Donald Han, and Master Tim Shin.

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